ADVANCED SEMINAR IN MACROECONOMIC RESEARCH II
COURSE OUTLINE WINTER SEMESTER 2020-2021
Roos/Reccius

CONTENT

This module allows students to answer a self-developed research question in macroeconomics with a connection to the current research fields at the chair. This undertaking is coupled with individual support by the chair of macroeconomics.

This module provides an excellent starting point for writing the final Master’s dissertation in the topics macroeconomics, experimental economics and agent-based-modeling.

MODULE OBJECTIVES

In this module, students learn how to apply research methods to macroeconomic questions. They work on the own research project that may lead directly into the MSc thesis.

PREREQUISITES

Students will need excellent English and macroeconomic skills and the willingness to deal with a seminar project over the semester. A genuine interest in macroeconomic research is required to participate and succeed in this module. It is required having attended and passed Macroeconomics I. Having attended the course Behavioral and Complexity Macroeconomics and/or Macroeconomics and Sustainability is an asset, but it is not mandatory.

ORGANIZATION

No classroom-based seminar sessions will be held. This module consists strictly of discussing and agreeing upon a suitable topic, getting to work on it and receiving guidance as needed.

Participants: max. 10 master students.

Registration: please contact Matthias Reccius; binding registration at the first meeting; official registration and de-registration period via FlexNow: 14.12.2020 – 15.01.2021.

Assessment: The assessment is based on a term paper (“Hausarbeit”) of 15 pages (100%).

Evaluation schemes follow the official chair guidelines. Guideline on writing seminar papers can be found here: https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/mak/mam/content/guidelines_final.pdf

Time and place: Meetings with the supervisor are scheduled when needed by the student.

Start: Interested students must contact the chair until November 11th 2020 at the latest.

Deadline for seminar paper submission: The paper must be submitted by February, 12th 2021.

SELF-STUDY

This module contains 120 hours of self-study.